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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2321

H. P. 1801

House of Representatives, January 9, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT to Increase the Minimum Wage.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 26, § 664, amended. The first sentence as last repealed and replaced by section 171 of chapter 625 and the 2nd sentence as last amended by chapter 467, both of the public laws of 1973, of section 664 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

By reason of the declaration of policy set forth in section 661 and in the protection of the industry or business and in the enhancement of public interest, health, safety and welfare, it is declared unlawful for any employer to employ any employee, except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, at the rate of less than ~~\$1.00~~ \$2 per hour; nor work more than 40 hours in one week, unless 1½ times the regular hourly rate is paid for all work done over 40 hours in any one week; and whenever the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of ~~\$1.00~~ \$2 per hour, the minimum wage established under this section shall be increased to the same amount, effective either on the same date as the increase in the highest federal minimum wage or September 23, 1971, whichever occurs later, but in no case shall the minimum wage exceed \$3 per hour. Except that on October 15, ~~1973~~ 1974 to October 15, ~~1974~~ 1975, those employees in a nursing home or employees in a hospital shall be paid at a rate of no less than ~~\$1.50~~ \$1.90 per hour and thereafter ~~\$1.00~~ \$2 per hour.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.